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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF YUGOSLAV VISAS TO NATURALIZED AMERICANS

1. NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN CAME TO CONGEN JULY 20 TO INQUIRE ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF HER HUSBAND TRAVELLING TO YUGOSLAVIA LATER THIS MONTH. SHE STATED THAT PASSPORTS OF ALL FAMILY MEMBERS HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO YUGOSLAV EMBASSY FOR VISAS. HER PASSPORT AND THOSE OF CHILDREN HAD BEEN VISASD PROMPTLY BUT HER HUSBAND'S HAD BEEN RETURNED WITH FORM INQUIRING ABOUT HIS MODE OF LEAVING YUGOSLAVIA, HIS MILITARY SERVICE, CURRENT OCCUPATION, ETC. WHEN COMPLETED FORM RETURNED TO EMBASSY, HE WAS ISSUED VISA. HE HAD LEFT YUGOSLAVIA FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF MEDICAL SCHOOL AND HAD NOT SERVED IN MILITARY.

2. CONSULAR OFDICER REVIEWED PROBLEMS WHICH SOME U.S. CITIZENS HAVE HAD WITH MILITARY SERVICE. STATED THAT IN THIS CASE SINCE HUSBAND IS 41, I.E., OVER THE MAXIMUM INDUCTION AGE OF 35, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH MILITARY SERVICE REQUIREMENT.

3. THIS IS THE FIRST INSTANCE WE HAVE HEARD OF NATURALIZED AMERICANS BEING ASKED TO SUPPLY DATA ON MILITARY SERVICE. WE WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT THIS INDICATES YUGOSLAVS WISH TO
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AVOID PROBLEMS OF INDUCTING NATURALIZED AMERICAN VISITORS FOR MILITARY SERVICE AND ARE EXAMINING SITUATIONS BEFORE ISSUING VISAS. HOPEFULLY THEY WOULD NOT ISSUE VISAS TO PERSONS WHOM THEY WOULD INSIST ON INDUCTING AFTER ARRIVAL IN YUGOSLAVIA. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN, OF COURSE, IF THIS IS THE CASE. ANY INFORMATION WHICH DEPARTMENT OR BELGRADE CAN FURNISH WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO ASK YUGOSLAV EMBASSY AND

BELGRADE CONSULAR OFFICIALS ABOUT PURPOSE OF THIS FORM. GROBEL

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